

ST2 UPDATE

Second Quarter Public Input

June 26, 2008

Public Involvement Overview

- Open Houses
 - May 22 Lynnwood
 - May 28 Des Moines
 - June 3 Sumner
 - June 4 Seattle
 - June 5 Bellevue
 - June 10 Tacoma
 - June 11 Everett
- Questionnaires
 - Web
 - Phone
- Mailed comments
- E-mailed comments
- Stakeholder and speakers bureau outreach
- Website information

Summary of Public Input

Quantitative input

- Web questionnaire
- Recorded telephone questionnaire

Qualitative input

- Open house comment forms
- Mail and e-mail
- Responses to Web questionnaire's open-ended question

Quantitative Input

Questionnaire results

- 6,077 responses
 - 5,661 Web participants
 - 416 phone participants
- Fielded May 14 through June 19
- Promoted via mailer and advertising

Key Questionnaire Findings

- Respondents strongly support expanding mass transit
- After explaining two 12-year options at 0.4% and 0.5%, a plurality of respondents prefer the 0.5% option over the 0.4%
- Given a choice between a 20- and 12-year option, a plurality prefer 20
- Respondents prefer voting in 2008 by a wide margin



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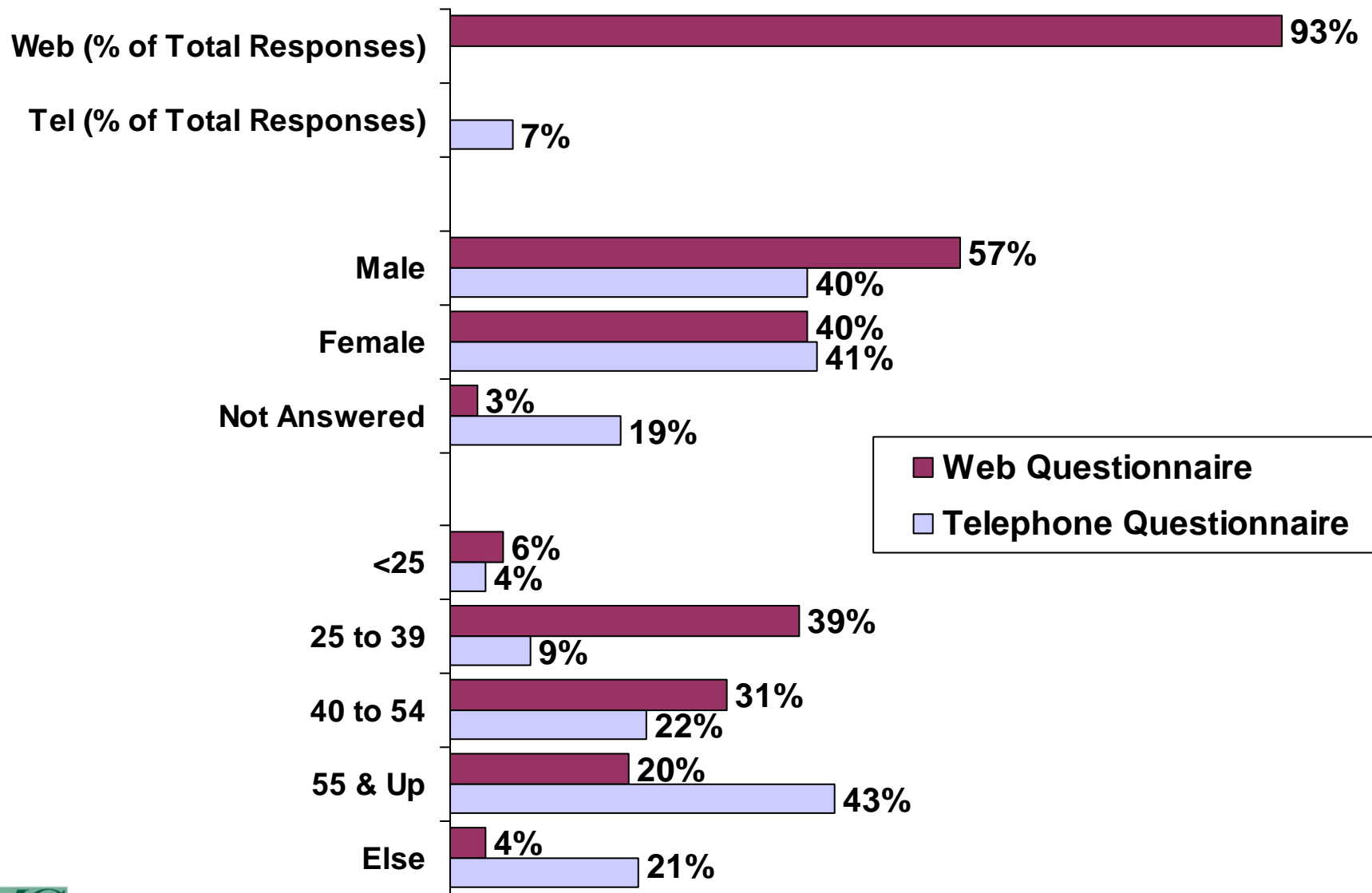
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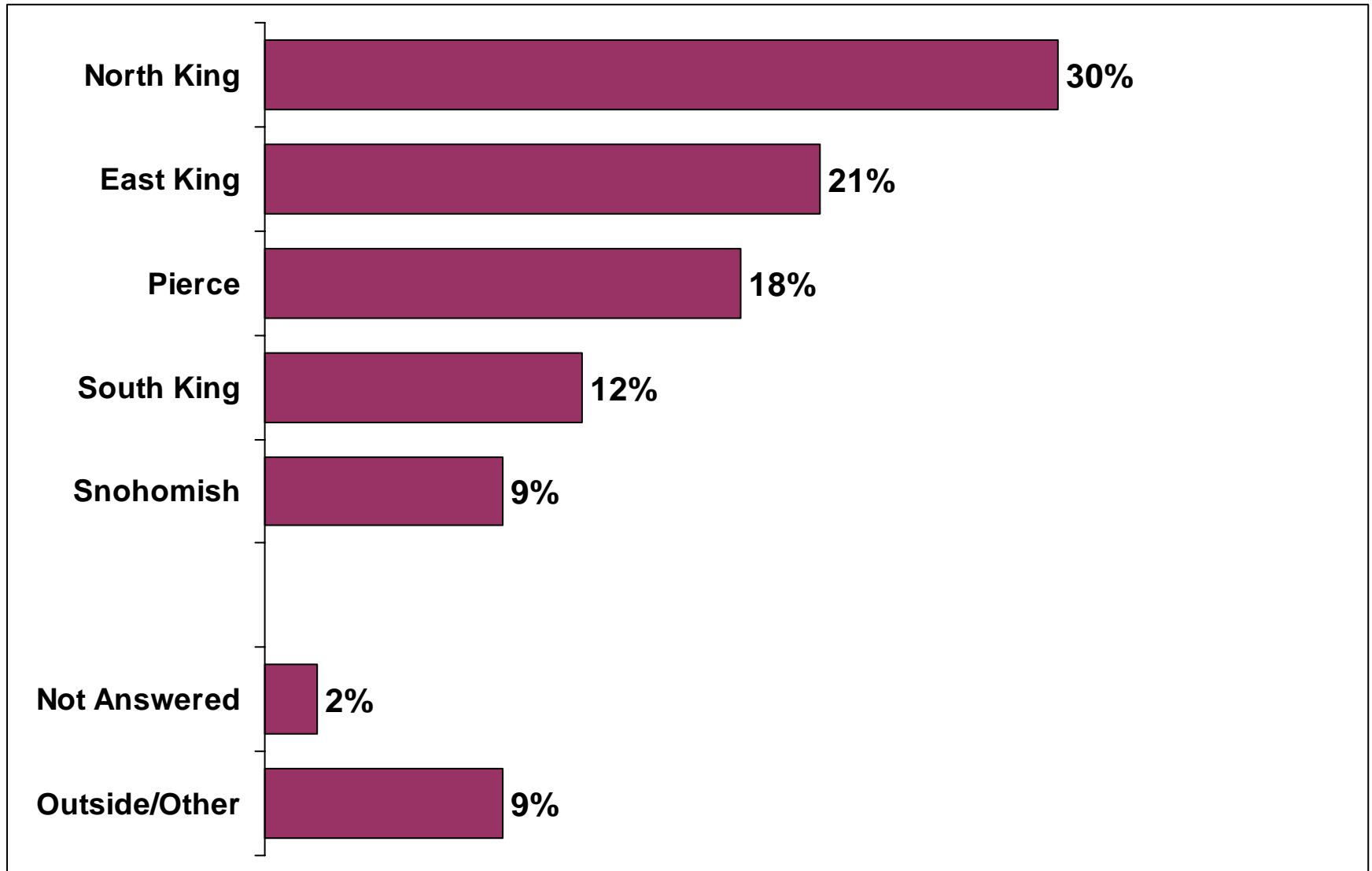
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Web & Telephone Questionnaire Results

Demographics



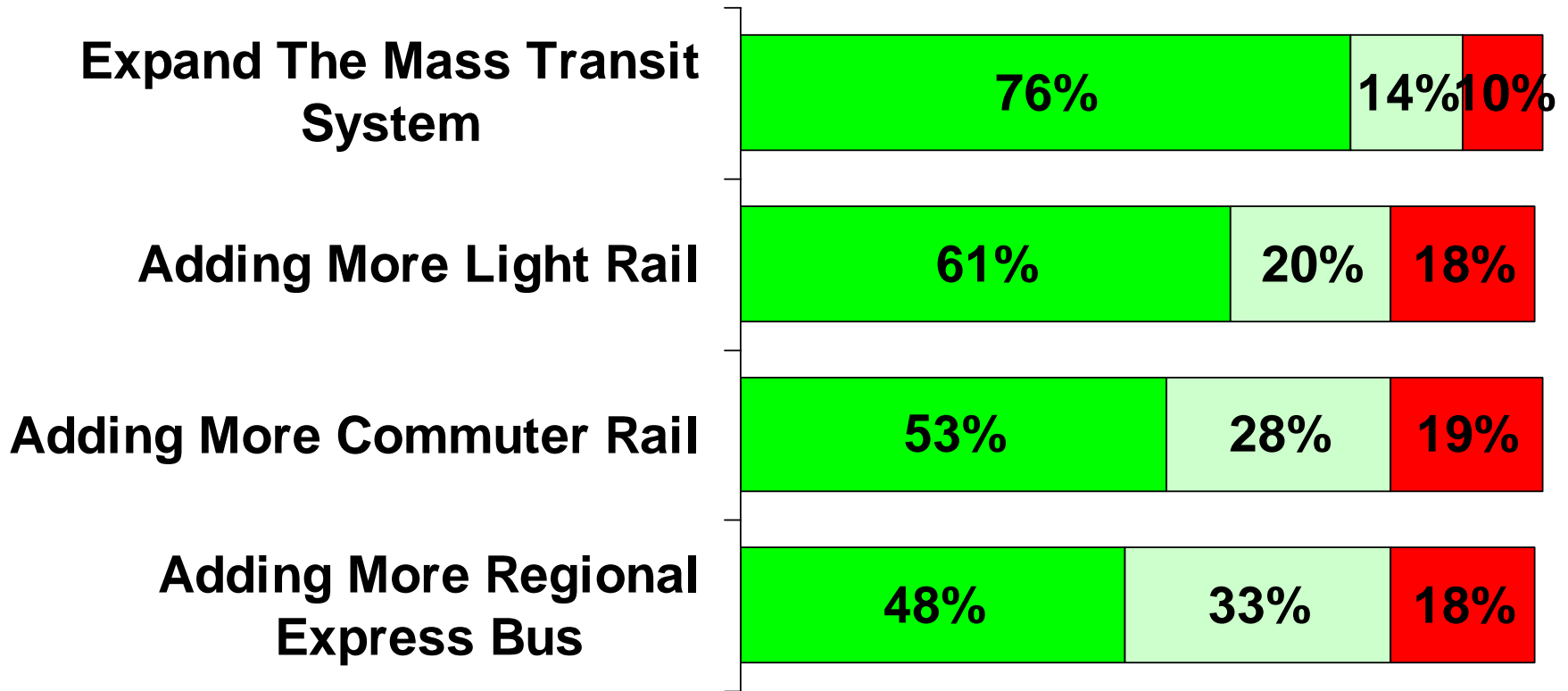
Reported ST District (by entered zip)



Expansion Option

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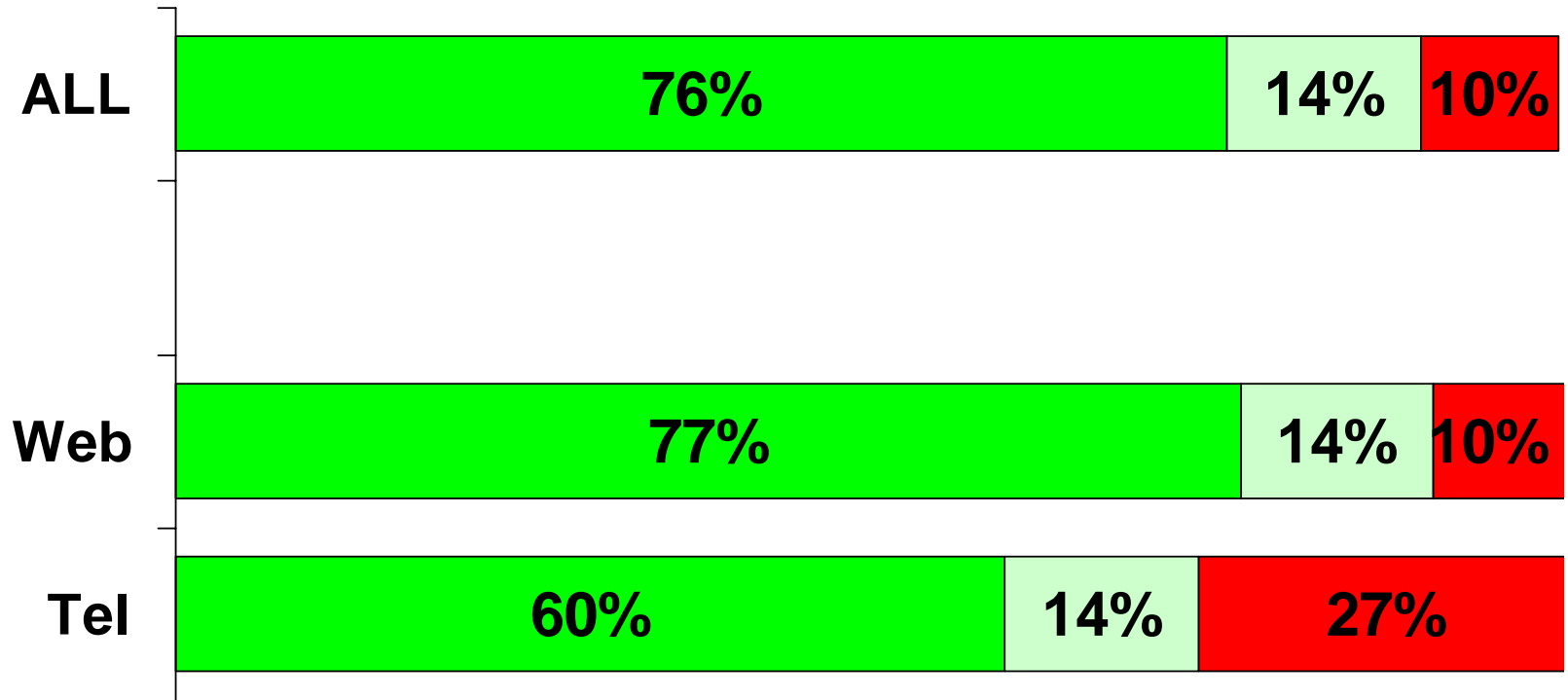
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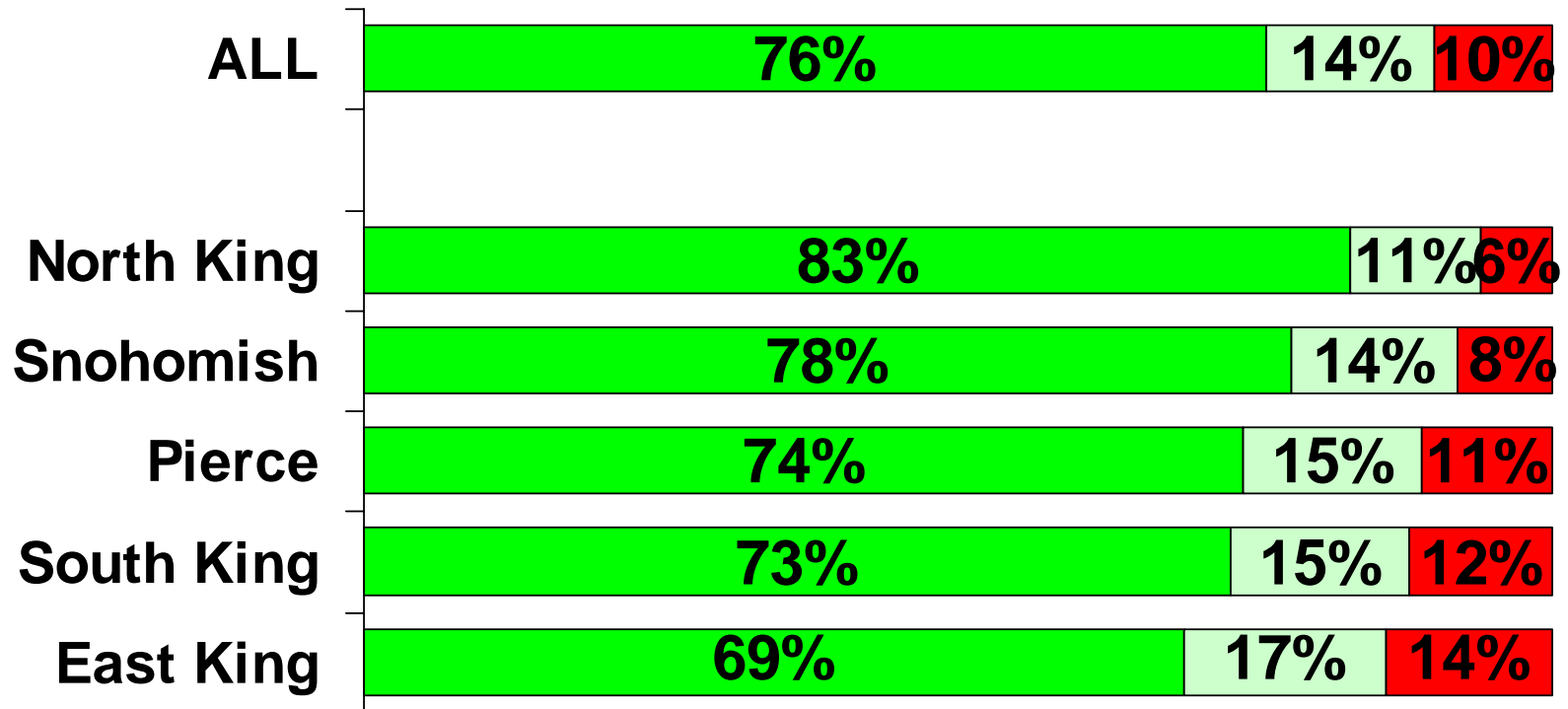
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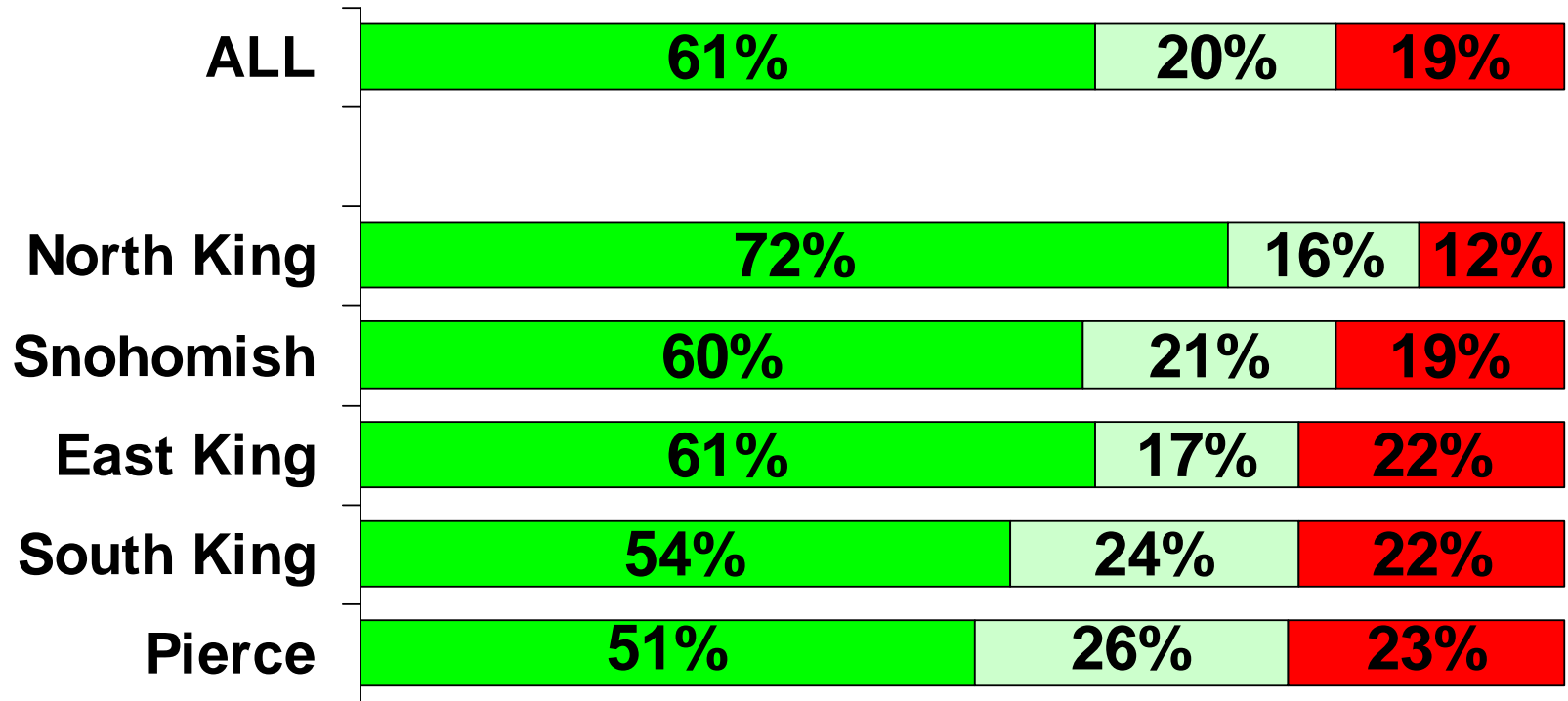
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Add More Light Rail?

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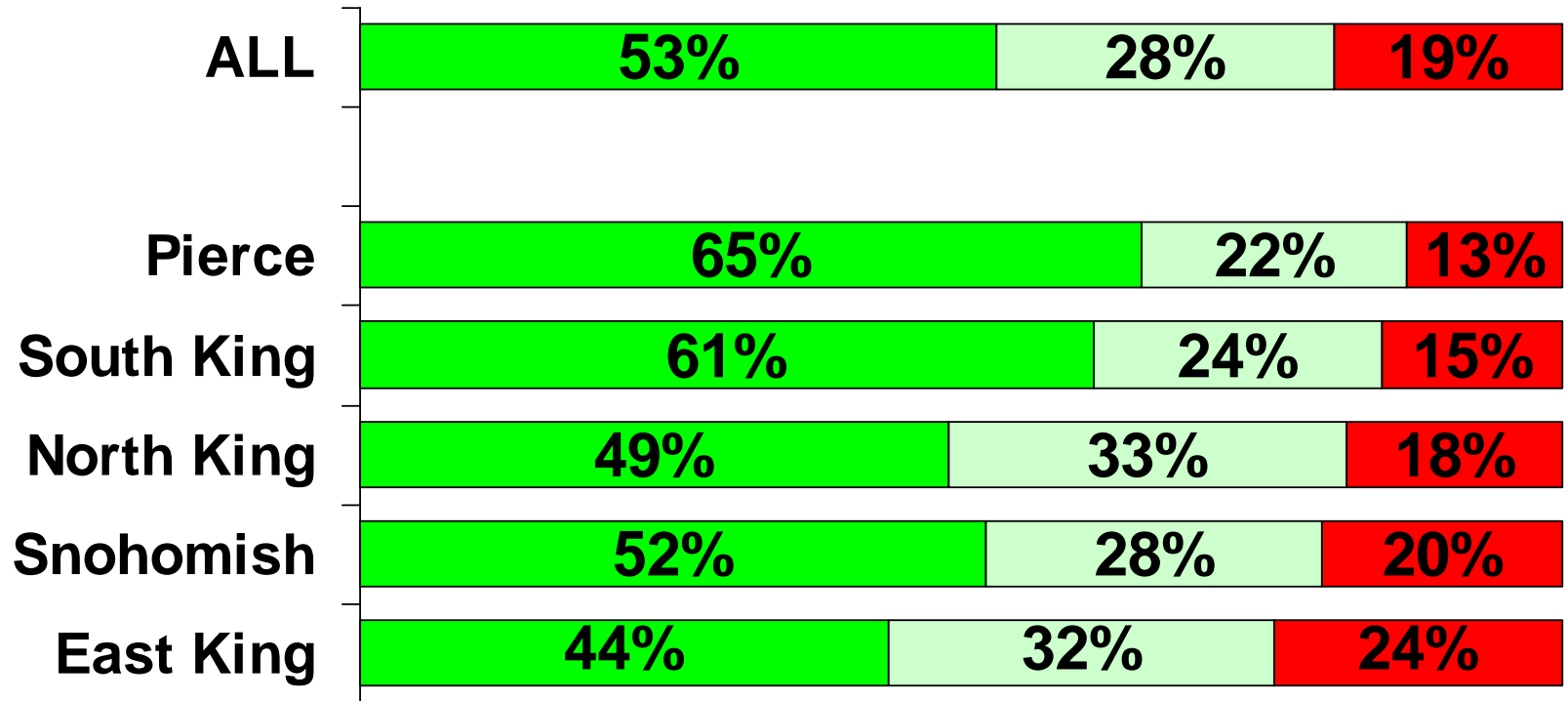
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Add More Commuter Rail?

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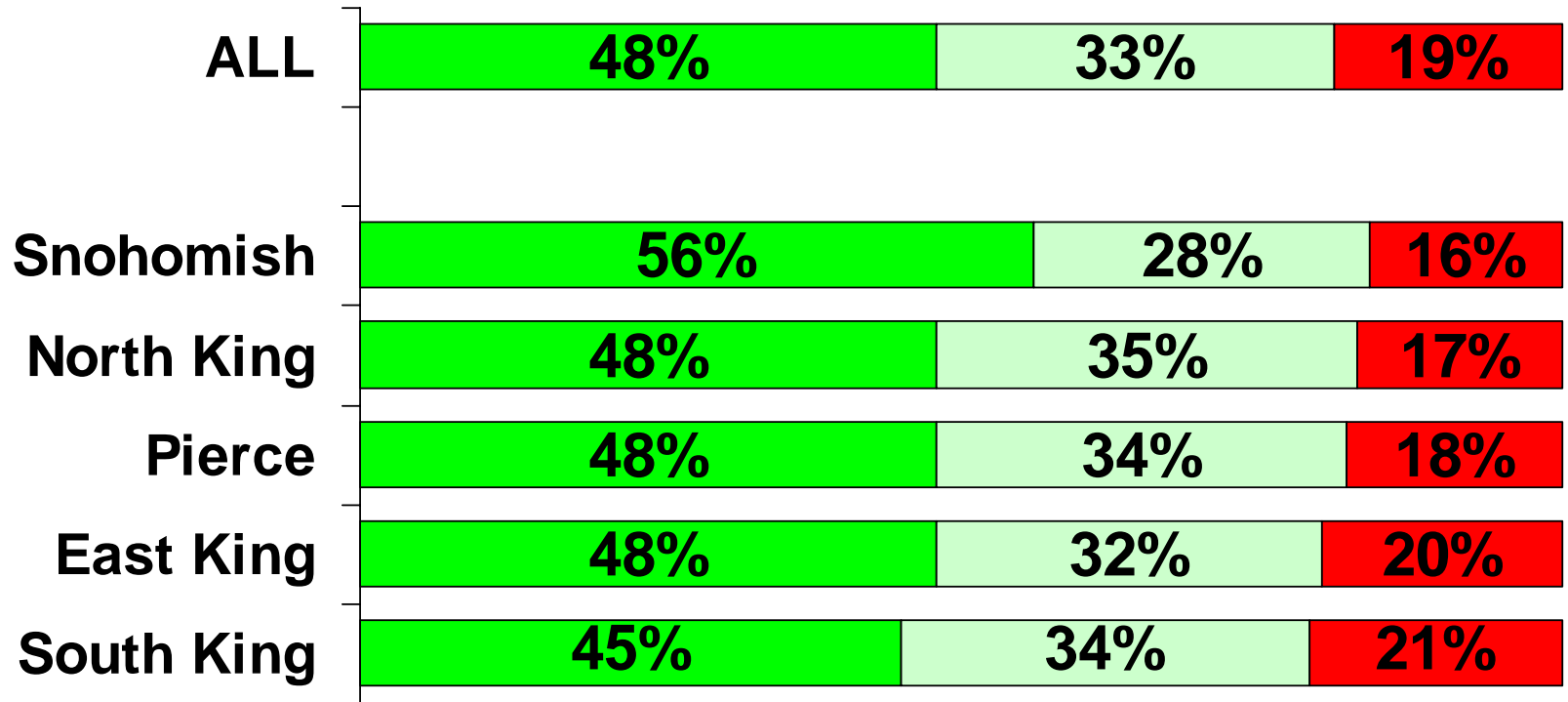
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Add More Regional Express Bus?

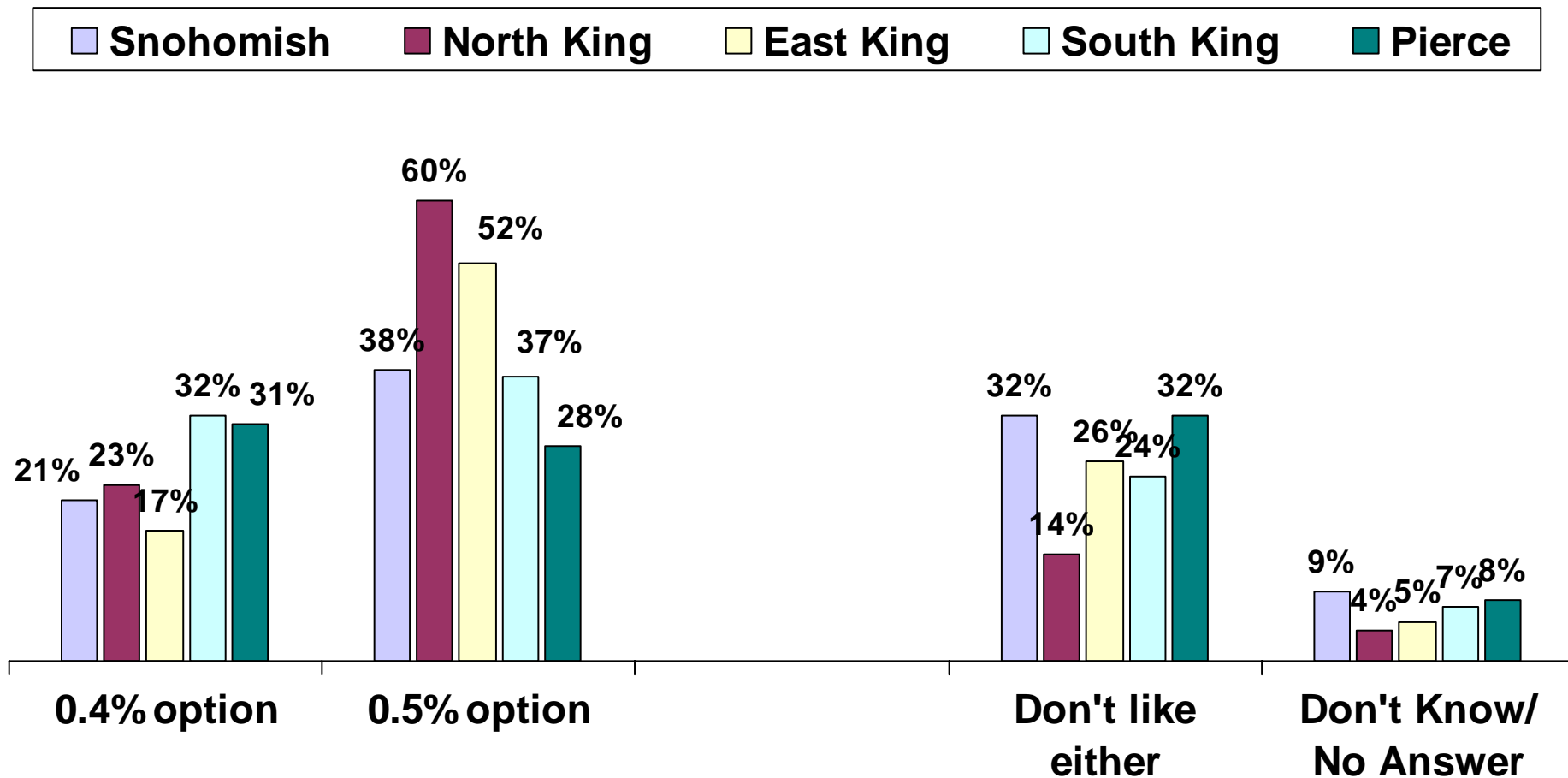
What about adding more regional express bus service, with projects to help buses travel more quickly?

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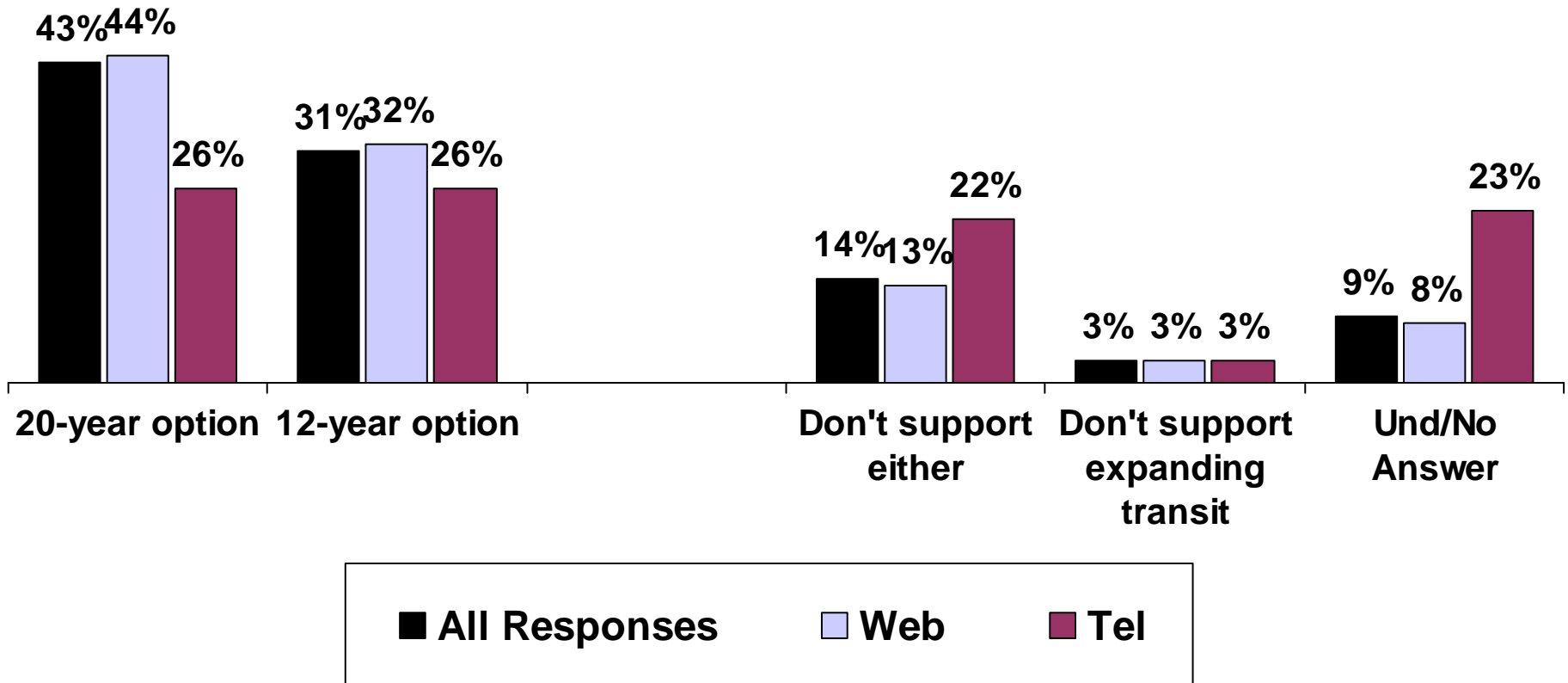
Preferred 12-Year Option

Of these two 12-year options, which do you prefer?



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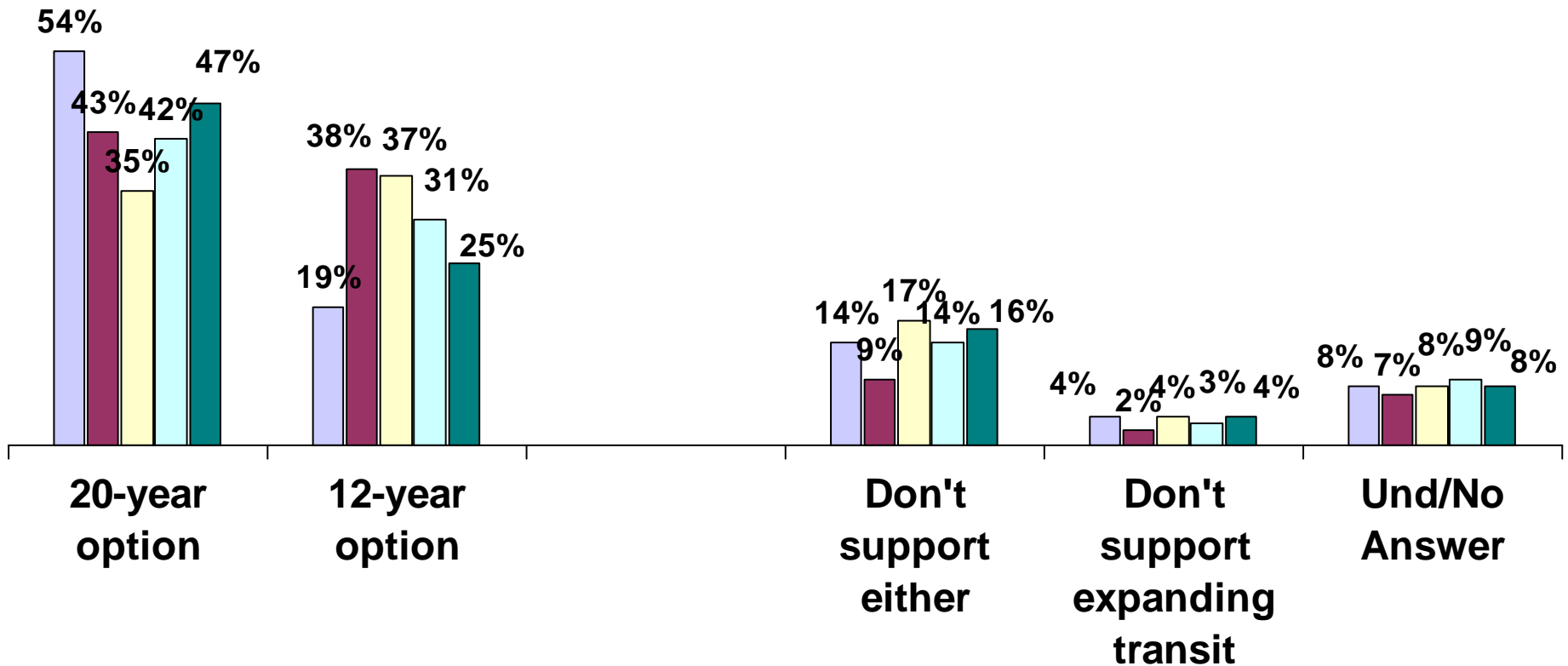
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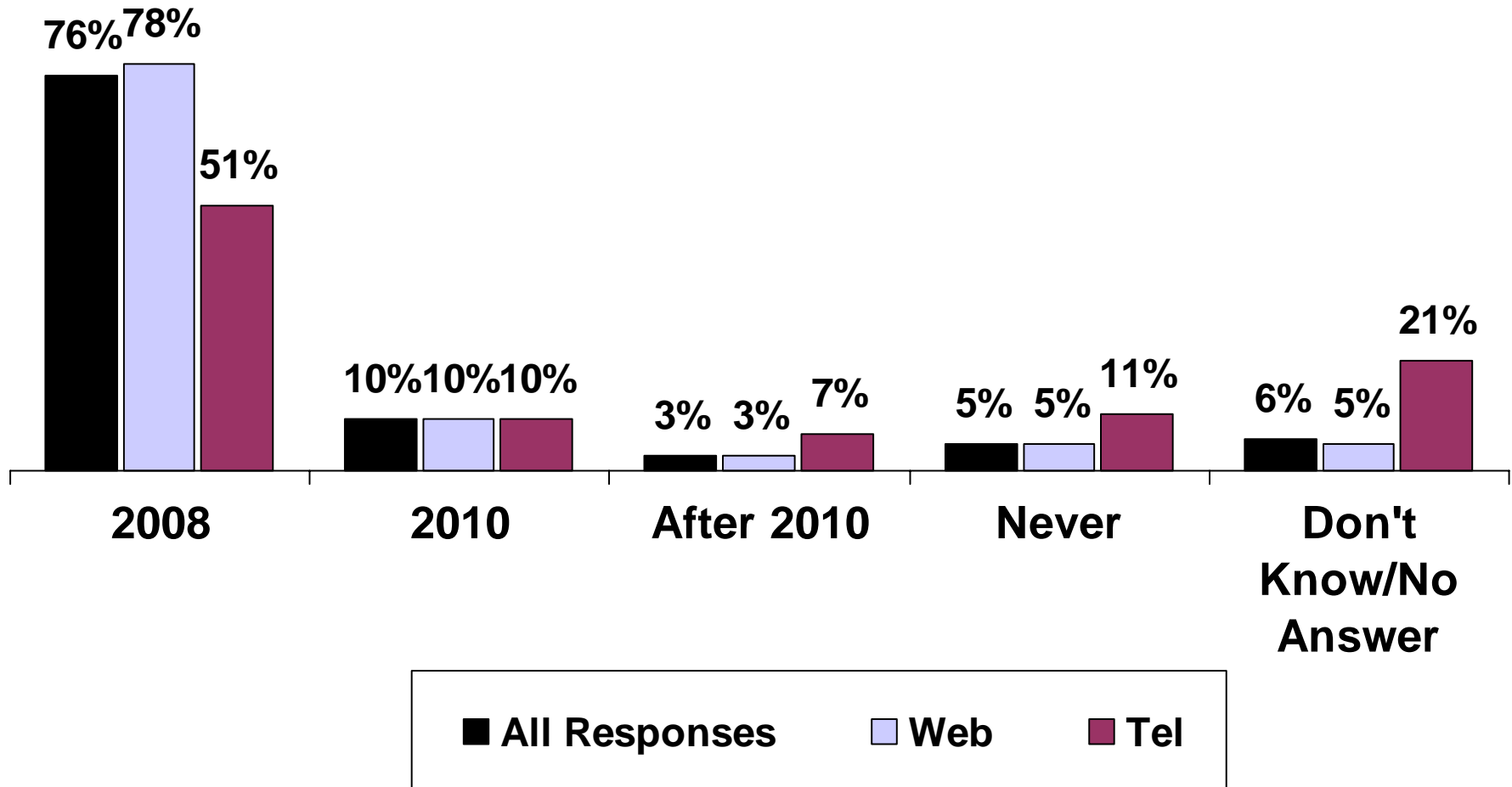
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■ Snohomish ■ North King ■ East King ■ South King ■ Pierce



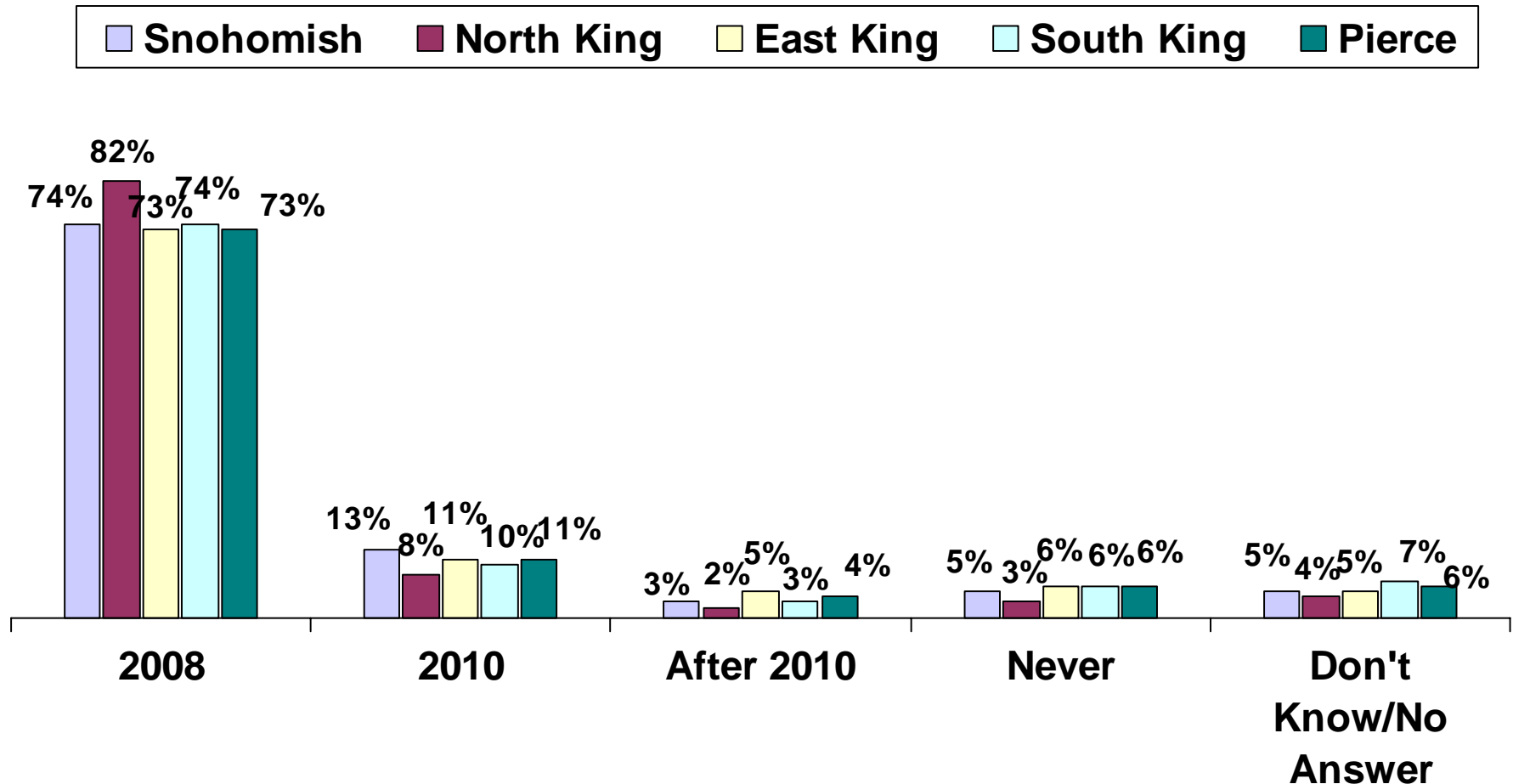
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Qualitative Input

Narrative comments

- 4,105 responses
 - 3,667 from Web questionnaire
 - 208 submitted at public meetings
 - 204 via e-mail
 - 26 transcribed from voicemail messages

Overarching Themes

- Region needs more transit to respond to growth, existing congestion, rising gas prices
- 'Get something done'
 - Taking action now a pervasive theme
 - Less prevalent: voters should see light rail 'proof' (Link opening) before considering expansion vote
- Fuel costs spark urgency for action
 - *'Strike while the iron is hot'*

Mode-specific Comments

- **Most support light rail extension**
 - Excitement about Link opening
 - Region needs rail to stay competitive
 - Fewer say light rail not right solution, prefer BRT
- **Call for more Sounder, bus service**
 - Parking concerns pervasive

Concerns Voiced

- **Areas outside Seattle need more investment**
 - Need more east-west connections
 - Don't want to transfer in Seattle
- **Reservations about funding source**
 - 'Regressive' sales tax, taxes already too high

Questions

